# READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE VIRTUAL ONLINE MEETING –February 1, 2021

Mayor Albanese *calls the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.* announcing that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

**PRESENT**: Mayor J. Albanese, Deputy Mayor J. Heller, Mrs. BA Fort, Mr. J. Huelsebusch

and Mr. B. Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator R. Sheola, Municipal Clerk K. Parker, Attorney S. Dragan,

Engineer R. O'Brien

**ABSENT:** None

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Clerk read the following Resolution:

# RESOLUTION EXECUTIVE SESSION

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 *et seq.*, the Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

*WHEREAS*, the Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist and desires to authorize the exclusion of the public from the portion of the meeting in accordance with the act;

*NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the specified subject matter as set forth in the following Exhibit "A."

# **EXHIBIT A**

Date Anticipated When

Subject Matter B	asis Of Public Exclusion	Disclosed 1		
Personnel	Personnel		hip Commi	ttee tonightother
Arbitration-PBA	Attorney-Client Privilege		"	"
Executive Session Minutes  • January 19, 2020	Attorney-Client Privilege		44	
DPW & Building & Grounds(Local No. 469)	Contract Negotiations		"	"
Professional Services /	<u> </u>		"	"
Development Agreement / Readington Commons LLC	. Contract Negotiations	"	"	<b></b>
Block 4, Lot 93, Block 9, Lot 4	Contract Negotiations		66	"
Professional Services / The Rogers Group	. Contract Negotiations	"	"	"

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Affordable Housing...... Potential Litigation...... " " "

• Potential Litigation / 216 Dove Cote Court

Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33;

Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block 67, Lot 2

(Solberg Aviation)...... Litigation...... " " "

Civil Action Summons / ...... Litigation...... " " " "

Rosedale and Rosehill Cemetery Association vs. Township of Readington and the Township of Committee of the Township of Readington

It is anticipated at this time that the stated subject matter will be made public on or about the time set forth in Exhibit "A."

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Smith to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Albanese led those present in the Salute to the Flag.

#### Executive Session:

#### Personnel / Personnel

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Township and Richard Sheola, Township Administrator, moving him from an hourly wage to annual salary, seconded by Mr. Smith and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Fort - Aye
Mr. Heller -Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch - Aye
Mr. Smith -Aye
Mayor Albanese - Aye

# Attorney -Client Privilege / Arbitration -PBA

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Stipulation of Settlement between the Township and the PBA Local 317, seconded by Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Fort - Aye
Mr. Heller - Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch - Aye
Mr. Smith - Abstain
Mayor Albanese - Aye

# Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / January 19, 2021

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 19, 2021 for content only, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

# Contract Negotiations / DPW & Building & Grounds (Local No. 469)

Mayor Albanese stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

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# Contract Negotiations / Professional Services / CGP&H (Affordable Housing Administrative Agent)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#### #R-2021-36

# TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there exists a need in the Township of Readington for Professional Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contract Law (*N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-1 *et seq.*) requires that the Resolution hiring a professional for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

*NOW*, *THEREFORE*, *BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington as follows:

- 1. That the following contract has been awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-5(1) (a) of the Local Public Contract Law because the services rendered or to be performed are by persons authorized by law to practice their profession:
  - Community Grants, Planning & Housing (CGP&H) to represent the Township on Affordable Housing Administration as relating to the Township's affordable housing plan at hourly rates, \$130 per hour for senior staff and \$85 per hour for all other staff, not to exceed \$15,000 per year.
- 2. Said contract shall expire on December 31, 2021.
- 3. Copies of this Professional Service Contract are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Fort - Aye
Mr. Heller -Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch - Aye
Mr. Smith -Aye
Mayor Albanese - Aye

# Contract Negotiations / Development Agreement / Readington Commons LLC

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Developers Agreement between the Township and Readington Commons LLC, seconded by Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Fort - Aye
Mr. Heller - Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch - Aye
Mr. Smith - Aye
Mayor Albanese - Aye

# Contract Negotiations / Block 4, Lot 93 and Bock 9, Lot 4

Mayor Albanese stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

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#### Contract Negotiations / Professional Services / The Rogers Group

Mayor Albanese stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

# Potential Litigation / Affordable Housing

• Potential Litigation / 216 Dove Cote Court

Mayor Albanese stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Litigation / Solberg Aviation / Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lot 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block 39, Lot 24 and Block 67, Lot 2

Mayor Albanese stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Litigation / Civil Action Summons / Rosedale and Rosehill Cemetery Association vs. Township of Readington and the Township Committee of the Township of Readington

Mayor Albanese stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

# **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Albanese read the following statement:

All items listed with an asterisk "\*" are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a committee member or citizen requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

Mr. Heller requested to remove *Item #2* from the Consent Agenda.

- 1. \* **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of meeting of January 19, 2021
- 2. \* Amended Resolution to Accept Certified Market Value and Final Cost Share (Block 74, Lot 4)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#### #R-2021-37

# TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) has certified the market value (CMV) of a development easement on property in the Township of Readington known as Block 74 Lot 4 on the official tax map of Readington Township, located at 124 Rockafellows Mill Road and consisting of approximately 55.7 +/- acres (the "Premises"), with one non-severable exception area totaling approximately 4 acres, owned by the Township of Readington ("Property Owner") which farm (also referred to herein as "the Saums Farm") is contained in Readington Township's Municipal Planning Incentive Grant list of farms and for which the Property Owner made an application to the Hunterdon County Planning Incentive Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, outside of the 4-acre non-severable exception area, which has been reserved for future flexibility and is limited to one existing single-family residential unit, there are zero (0) residential dwelling site opportunities, zero (0) agricultural labor units, zero (0) existing dwellings and zero (0) pre-existing non-agricultural uses contained upon the easement area; and

#### Resolution #R-2021-37 cont'd:

**WHEREAS**, the Township has been advised that the SADC, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-7.14, has certified the value at \$11,500.00 per acre, with a resulting cost-share from the SADC of approximately \$6,900.00 per acre (approximately 60% of the estimated total cost) and the County of Hunterdon and the Township of Readington at approximately 20% of CMV each, or approximately \$2,300.00 per acre; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee is willing to approve and accept the purchase price of \$11,500.00 per acre, as determined by the SADC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey:

- 1. The Township Committee approves and accepts the certified value of \$11,500.00 per acre determined by the SADC for the purchase price of the development easement on the property it owns known as Block 74, Lot 4 in the Township; and
- 2. Grants and commits its final approval to fund the purchase of the development easement by the County of Hunterdon on the property the Township owns known as Bl. 74, Lot 4 based on the cost share calculated by the SADC in the approximate amount of 20% of the CMV of \$11,500.00 per acre  $(50.7 + acres \times \$2,300 = \$116,610 + -)$ , subject to any adjustments for survey or title.
- 3. Funding from Readington Township will be deducted from the final purchase price paid at closing for the development rights easement, as determined by the SADC and/or County, as appropriate.
- 4. The Township's funding is conditioned on both the SADC and the County of Hunterdon adopting final resolutions approving their respective cost-shares and the County of Hunterdon entering into a contract with the Township for the purchase of the development rights easement on Block 74, Lot 4.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Hunterdon County Agricultural Development Board and the New Jersey State Agriculture Development Committee as requested and required.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

- 3. \* Overpayment of Dog Licensing Fees (Zujkowski)
- 4. \* Payment of Bills (Complete bill list is on file in Clerk's Office)

<b>Fund Description</b>	Fund No.	<b>Received Tota</b>	<u>1</u>
CURRENT FUND	0-01	\$ 95,568.69	9
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	0-02	\$ 63,684.00	0
CURRENT FUND	1-01	\$ 415,333.19	9
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	1-02	\$ 98,682.50	0
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 35,019.25	5
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX	Χ,		
LIENS	X-05	\$ 3,283,363.09	9
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 155,229.65	5
REG & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$ 2,658,164.00	0
2020 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-20	\$ 144,950.00	0
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$ 6,949,994.37	7

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*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Fort - Aye
Mr. Heller - Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch - Aye
Mr. Smith - Aye
Mayor Albanese - Aye

# **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** for items listed on the agenda only

There were no comments from the public.

# CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

- 1. Notice of Pending Ordinance from Carla Connor, Township Clerk, Township of Clinton regarding "An Ordinance of the Township of Clinton Amending Chapter 165 of the "Code of the Township of Clinton" to Create a New Article XVIA Entitled "Highlands Land Use Regulations," a Supplement to the Land Use Regulations Ordinance of the Township of Clinton, Hunterdon County, New Jersey." No action taken.
- 2. Public Notice from the Hunterdon County Planning Board dated January 15, 2021 regarding *Highlands Conformance Hearing*. No action taken.
- 3. Memorandum dated January 21, 2021 from Carla Connor, Municipal Clerk, Township of Clinton regarding An Ordinance of the Township of Clinton Amending Chapter 165 of the "Code of the Township of Clinton" to Create a New Article XVIA Entitled "Highlands Land Use Regulations," a Supplement to the Land Use Regulations Ordinance of the Township of Clinton, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. No action taken.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Free Technical Assistance for Energy Initiatives Grant

Administrator Sheola explained that since the last meeting some additional information was received making it advantageous for the Township to apply for the grant.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

# #R-2021-41

# Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Energy Technical Assistance Application

**WHEREAS**, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

**WHEREAS**, Readington Township strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, Readington Township is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created an Energy Technical Assistance program;

*WHEREAS*, the Township Committee of Readington has determined that Readington should apply for the aforementioned Energy Technical Assistance program. The technical assistance will initiate the development of the municipal carbon foot print, energy tracking and management, and

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#### Resolution #R-2021-41 cont'd:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Readington will commit to providing staff support for the duration of the Energy Technical Assistance project, including access to data for energy projects such as utility billing data.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Township Committee of the Readington, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned application to Sustainable Jersey for Energy Technical Assistance.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Heller to approve this resolution, seconded by Mr. Smith with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

# ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

#### *ORDINANCE #01-2021*

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington in the County of Hunterdon finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2021 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$542,096.00. in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS** the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2021 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Readington shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$542,096.00, and that the CY 2021 municipal budget for the Township of Readington be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

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#### Ordinance #01-2021 cont'd:

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort to introduce this ordinance, seconded by Mr. Smith and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Fort - Aye
Mr. Heller -Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch - Aye
Mr. Smith -Aye
Mayor Albanese - Aye

The Public Hearing was scheduled for February 16, 2021 at 7:45 p.m.

#### 2. Appointment of Members to the Green Team

Mr. Heller stated that names will be gathered of potential members of a new Green Team for consideration by the Committee at a future meeting.

3. Release of Performance Guarantee / Readington Commons (Block 4, Lot 51 and Acceptance of Replacement Performance Guarantee for The Ridge at Readington (Block 4, Lot 51 & 52)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#### #R-2021-38

# TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS*, Larken Associates "Applicant" did on April 2, 2020 file a written request with the Township of Readington for a release of a Performance Bond #0358550 in the amount of \$654,907.00 and Cash Performance Guarantee Check in the amount of \$72,767.00 from a previous commercial development partially completed on property known as Block 51, Lot 4 in the Township; and

*WHEREAS*, on November 24, 2020 a letter from Finelli Consulting (Township Conflict Engineer) determined the amount of the performance bond obtained by Readington Commons, LLC for the new affordable housing project, "The Ridge at Readington" to be developed on Block 4, Lots 51 and 52 (to become Lot 51) in the Township, to be \$192,241.00 (\$173,016.90 to be bonded plus \$19,224.10 in cash); and

**WHEREAS**, it has been confirmed by construction inspectors that the demolition of two (2) existing office buildings on Block 51, Lot 4 were issued permits and demolished; and

**WHEREAS**, in their letter dated January 26, 2021 Finelli Consulting Engineers recommends the release of the \$727,674.00 bond subject to the receipt of the \$192,241.00 replacement performance guarantee required for the new affordable housing project; and

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#### Resolution #R-2020-38 cont'd:

*WHEREAS*, Applicant's successor in interest Readington Commons, LLC has provided the replacement Performance Bond # LICX1197735 in the amount of \$173,016.90 and a Cash Performance Guarantee Check (# 5317) in the amount \$19,224.10 for The Ridge at Readington Commons project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that authorization is hereby given to release the Performance Bond #0358550 in the amount of \$654,907.00 and Cash Performance Guarantee Check in the amount of \$72,767.00 as recommended by the Finelli Consulting Engineers and accepts the replacement Performance Guarantee from Readington Commons, LLC; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that authorization is given to the Township Clerk to forward copies of this Resolution to the applicant.

*A MOTION* was made by Mr. Smith to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Fort - Aye
Mr. Heller - Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch - Aye
Mr. Smith - Aye
Mayor Albanese - Aye

4. Ryland Subdivision -NJDEP Treatment Works Application / Block 14, Lot 29.02 & 29.03

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#### #R-2021-39

# Township of Readington Resolution

**WHEREAS**, Ryland Developer's L.L.C. (applicant) has submitted an application for Major Subdivision approval of Block 14, Lots 29.02 and 29.03 to the Planning Board to create thirty-nine (39) single-family residential lots and said property is owned by Ryland Developer's, L.L.C; and **Resolution #R-2021-39 cont'd:** 

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington has consented to the submission of an application for an NJDEP Treatment Works Approval permit for the construction of additional sanitary sewers and a pump station on the site to service the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington has reviewed the application documents at its regular meeting held on February 1, 2021; and

*WHEREAS*, it has been determined and reported by the Township's Conflict Engineer (Finelli Consulting Engineers, Inc.) that application documents are in order and may be filed;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington does hereby authorize the following action:

1. The Township authorizes the Administrator, Municipal Clerk or Mayor to sign for the Governing Body at appropriate locations on the NJDEP WQM-003 Statements of Consent Form for the construction of additional sanitary sewers and pump station to serve this project.

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*A MOTION* was made by Mr. Heller to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Smith and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Fort - Aye
Mr. Heller -Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch - Aye
Mr. Smith -Aye
Mayor Albanese - Aye

# 5. \* Amended Resolution to Accept Certified Market Value and Final Cost Share (Block 74, Lot 4)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

6. \* 2021 Vacation Carryover Resolution

Mr. Heller inquired about the amount of carryover time for certain individuals.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#### #R-2021-40

# TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8.3 of the Readington Township Personnel Policies, Practices and Regulations permits employees to carry over vacation days of the current year, and

Resolution #R-2021-40 cont'd:

WHEREAS, permission to do so must be granted by the Township Committee, and

WHEREAS, current year vacation days carried over into the subsequent year must be used by June 30, 2021 and

WHEREAS, the following employees have requested carry-over of the vacation time noted:

# Resolution #R-2021-40 cont'd:

First Name	Last Name	Carry Over Vacation hrs
JAMES	AYOTTE	42
SCOTT	BABB	30
MICHAEL	BALOGH	35
LISA	BAUM	40
DAVID	BODINE	6
GABRIELLE	BOLARAKIS	105
PATRICK	BROWN	20
THOMAS	CARRO	3.5
DENISE	CHARLTON	15
SCOTT	CRATER	252
ANGELA	DEVOE	3.5
CHRISTOPHER	DEWIRE	125
WILLIAM	DUFOSSE	114
CHRISTINE	DEY	17.5
CARLOS	FERREIRO	156
RICHARD	GOULD	28
JOSEPH	GRECO	73.5
BRANDON	GRIFFITHS	24
PATRICIA	HALL	56
CHRISTOPHER	HEYCOCK	36
ALEXANDER	HOOFATT	100
KENNETH	HULCHER	104
JOHN	INSABELLA	180
SCOTT	JESSEMAN	120
LINDA	KENNEDY	44
KAREN	KONN	14.75
HARLEAN	KUZMIW	31.75
JULIE	KOSAKOWSKI	1
MICHAEL	LARUE	4
ANN MARIE	LEHBERGER	35
RAYMOND	MACKIEWICZ	5
ANTHONY	MADEANO	36
CHRISTINE	MAILLER	63
JACK	MAZELLAN	54
ROBERT	MEDVETZ	48
DARLENE	MITCHELL	35
KARIN	PARKER	42
BENJAMIN	PRZEWOZNY	92
CAROL	RADZIEWICZ	29.5
JAMIE	REYNOLDS	35
STEVEN	RINDOCK	72
ERIC	SANTO	1.25
CHRISTINA	SCHWARTZ	42
MARGARET	SLUTTER	42
SEAN	SMITH	30
JOHN	TILLOTSON	35
BRIAN	VANDONGEN	35
JEAN MARIE	VITALE	24
WADE	WARNER	72
GREGORY	WESTER	40
LAURA	WHITAKER	30.75
TERRY	WOOLVERTON	24
LORA	WOZIAK	0.75

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Smith with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

# 7. \* Overpayment of Dog Licensing Fees (Zujkowski)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Sheola reported that due to the continued State of Emergency, the municipal building would remain closed on Tuesday for non-essential personnel who will work from home. Mr. Sheola added that the Department of Public Works will continue working to clear the roads.

Administrator Sheola further reported that the 2021 Goal Setting meeting has been rescheduled to February 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer O'Brien stated that he had nothing further to report.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# **BETTY ANN FORT**

Mrs. Fort reported that the Mount Amwell Project which restores the old cemeteries in the Township has reached out for consideration of an agreement to restore another cemetery.

# JONATHAN HELLER

Mr. Heller reviewed the 2020 Annual Report from the Environmental Commission.

# JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH

Mr. Huelsebusch reported that the Open Space Advisory Board has been working on two new trails heads and another trail on the Saums property. Mr. Huelsebusch also reported that they recently closed on Gerison property.

#### **BENJAMIN SMITH**

Mr. Smith reported that he is reviewing the draft budget with Administrator Sheola for introduction at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

# **JOHN ALBANESE**

Mr. Albanese stated that he had nothing further to report.

# **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

# COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

There were no comments from the Governing Body.

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As there was no further business, *A MOTION* was made by Mr. Smith at 8:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karin M Parker, *RMC* Municipal Clerk